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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Testimony of Christopher R. Drake

In support of House Bill 6843

AN ACT MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO VARIOUS
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS STATUTES

March 2, 2013

This Governor's Bill seeks to make changes to statutes concerning boards and commissions to which the Governor makes appointments. The Governor has thousands of appointments to hundreds of boards and commissions. In the course of making these appointments, the Governor's Office notes where statutory changes are advisable to bring statutes into conformance with existing practice. These changes will help facilitate the appointments process and assist the boards affected with implementing their statutory functions. A summary of the changes is as follows:

Section 1 - Changes the term for members of the Education Arbitration Board from two to four years. Because the panels convene infrequently, many members do not have the opportunity to serve on a panel during their two-year tenure.

Section 2 - Makes a minor change to the qualifications of one of the Governor's appointments to the CHEFA Board to make it easier to find a qualified applicant.

Section 3 - Makes changes to the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to reflect the fact that the position of Executive Director of the Division of Special Revenue no longer exists.

Section 4 - Eliminates General Assembly confirmation for members of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board. These members have always sat coterminously with and at the pleasure of the Governor. Because members can be removed without General Assembly approval, this change is appropriate.

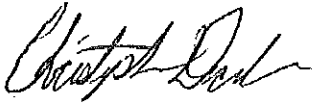
Section 5 - Makes the terms of alternate members of the State Board of Labor Relations coterminous with the Governor. The current statute provides that alternate members are appointed at the discretion of the Governor to one-year terms. This change eliminates the need

to reappoint these members every year, but retains the authority of the Governor to remove alternate members from the list at his discretion.

Section 6 - Changes the minority representation statute (9-167a) to clarify that ex officio members of an appointed board are not included in the calculation. Also adds a provision requiring appointing authorities to notify other appointing authorities when appointments are made.

Thank you for your consideration of this Governor's Bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christopher Drake".

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